



October 18, 2018

California Air Resources Board
1001 "I" Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Funding Plan for Clean Transportation Incentives

Dear California Air Resources Board and Staff,

The Lion Electric Co. Team appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Funding Plan for Clean Transportation Incentives. Lion strongly supports ARB's continued effort to spur deployment of zero-emission vehicles and reduce harmful GHG and criteria pollutant emissions.

Lion is a leading Original Equipment Manufacturer of all-electric vehicles, including zero-emission Type A and C school buses and zero-emission trucks, with deployments in California, New York, Massachusetts, and other states across the nation. Today, there are currently over 150 electric school buses in operation in North America that have been carrying kids to school every day safely for the last 3 years, with over 2.5 million miles of service provided.

Lion strongly supports staff's proposed allocation of the Heavy-Duty Vehicle and Off-Road Equipment Investments, particularly the funding for Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project (HVIP), the Clean Mobility in Schools Program, and the Rural School Bus Pilot Project. These programs are pivotal to accelerating widespread commercial deployment of zero-emission school buses and zero-emission trucks, which substantially reduce greenhouse gas emissions and eliminate toxic exposures to school children and disadvantaged communities throughout the state.

School buses are the largest segment of mass transit in the United States and, unfortunately, are among the oldest and dirtiest fleets on the road. School children are sensitive receptors and face elevated health risks from exposures to toxic air contaminants from diesel emissions while riding and being near California's existing fleet of dirty diesel school bus, which disproportionately expose students to toxic air contaminants and associated health risks. These proposed investments will help improve California's school bus fleet composition and improve air quality for children.

Lion appreciates the development of the proposed FY 2018-19 Funding Plan for Clean Transportation Incentives and strongly support adoption to ensure continued funding of these important programs.

Sincerely,

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